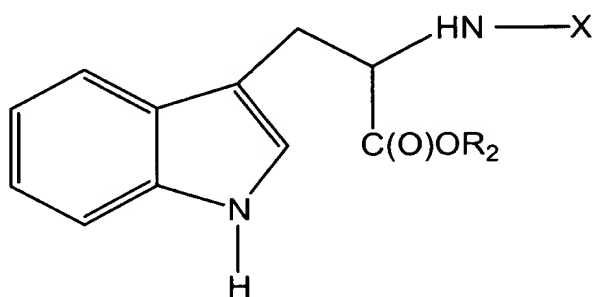


IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 21, without prejudice.

Amend claims 12, 17, 18, 22-28 as follows*:

12. (Four Times Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an N-acyl derivative of a D- or L-tryptophanyl-ester for the prophylaxis and/or therapy of oxidative pathologic processes in degenerative and/or cancer diseases having the following formula:

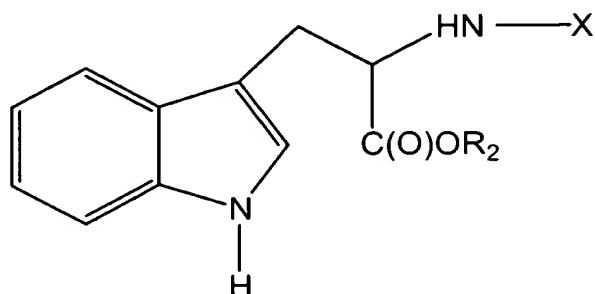


wherein X is C(O)R₁, and R₁ is a saturated C₁-C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue and R₂ is a saturated or unsaturated C₂-C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier in combination with a second therapeutic compound.

17. (Twice Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 12, wherein the N-acyl derivative is selected from the group consisting of N-dodecanoyl-tryptophanethyl-ester.

* An Appendix of Amendments is attached herewith as Exhibit A that shows the amendments in the underline and bracket format. For the Examiner's convenience, applicant has also attached a copy of the pending claims (12, 16-20, 22-29) after entry of this Amendment as Exhibit B.

18. (Twice Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an N-acyl derivative of a D- or L-tryptophanyl-ester, wherein the N-acyl derivative has the following formula:



wherein X is C(O)R₁, and R₁ is a saturated C₁-C₁₈ or unsaturated C₂-C₇ hydrocarbon residue and R₂ is a saturated or unsaturated C₉-C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier in combination with a second therapeutic compound.

22. (Amended) The composition according to claim 12 or 18, wherein the second therapeutic compound is for treating a degenerative disease or cancer.

23. (Twice Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 12 or 18, wherein the second therapeutic compound is selected from the group consisting of ciliary neurotropic factor (CNTF), aniracetam, buflomedil, choline, co-dergocrine, cyclandelate, desferrioxamine, eptastigmine, fampridine, galantamine, isoxusuprine, linopiridine, metriphosphate, naftidrofuryl, nicergoline, nicotine, nimodipine, oxiracetam, physostigmine, pilocarpine, piracetam, pramiracetam, propentofylline, pyritinol, RS-86, selegiline, suronacrine,